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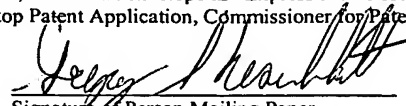
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date February 19, 2004 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. EL 897962964 US to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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**APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b) or 37 CFR §1.153**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR §1.53(b) or 37 CFR §1.153 is the patent application of:

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1.    Type of Application:

- ☐ Original                                      ☐ Design                                      ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional                                      ☐ Continuation-In-Part

2.    Benefit of Prior Foreign Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §119)

- ☐ The new application being transmitted herein claims the benefit of:
- ☐ prior Foreign Application Serial No. [insert foreign serial number], filed on                      in [insert COUNTRY OF ORIGIN]; or
- ☐ PCT International Application designating at least one country other than the United States with the Serial No. [insert PCT SERIAL NUMBER], filed on                      .

A certified copy is ☐ enclosed or ☐ on file in the prior application.

3. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §120)

- ☒ The new application being transmitted herein claims the benefit of prior copending U.S. application(s), U.S. Serial No.: 09/923,137, filed on August 6, 2001 and provisional US patent application serial number 60/244,054 that was filed on August 9, 2000.

4. Papers Enclosed Which are Required for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b) or 37 CFR §1.153

42 page(s) of Specification

10 page(s) of Claims, having 48 total claims, including 3 independent claims and 45 dependent claims, following entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

1 page(s) of Abstract

4 sheets of ☒ formal ☐ informal Drawings

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☒ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of Cited Art  
☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment

6. Inventor's Declaration/Power of Attorney

A copy of the Inventor's Declaration/Power of Attorney is ☒ enclosed or ☐ not enclosed,  
and ☒ is signed or ☐ not signed.

7. Assignment

- ☐ Enclosed is a recordation form and an assignment of the invention to [insert ASSIGNEE'S NAME], a corporation of the State of [insert STATE].

8. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Applicant claims Small Entity Status.

9. Fee Calculation (37 CFR §1.16)

CLAIMS AS FILED					
NUMBER FILED			NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE
					\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	48	-20	28	\$ 18.00	\$ 504.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	-3	0	\$ 86.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS, if any				\$290.00	
TOTAL					\$1274.00
REDUCTION FOR SMALL ENTITY BY 50%					
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$1,274.00

DESIGN APPLICATION FEE	\$340.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE	\$340.00

10. Method of Payment of Fees

- ☐ Check in the amount of [insert CHECK AMOUNT].
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11. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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12. Correspondence

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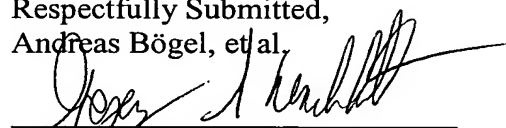
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